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persons of the vicinity to discredit the authenticity of the skull after it had attracted general attention were due to that spirit, unfortunately too common among ignorant persons, which leads them to disparage that in which they have no share. As the persons chiefly concerned made no attempt to utilize the discovery as a source of profit, and the coming of the specimen into scientific hands was due to circumstances which could not have been foreseen, the speaker believed that so far, no sufficient reason had been adduced for doubting the genuine character of the skull and its original situs below the lava; though the question of the coëxistence of man and the extinct mammals whose remains have been found in the same gravels is entirely distinct and may reasonably be left open.

JANUARY 17.

J. CHESTON MORRIS, M.D., in the Chair

Twenty-three persons present.

JANUARY 24.

The President, SAMUEL G. DIXON, M.D., in the Chair.

Eighteen persons present.

A paper entitled "Contributions to the Life History of Plants, No. XIII," by Thomas Meehan, was presented for publication.

A paper entitled "The North American Species of *Argia* (Order Odonata)," by Philip P. Calvert, presented for publication August 17, 1897, was withdrawn by the author.

JANUARY 31.

MR. CHARLES MORRIS in the Chair.

Fifteen persons present.

A paper entitled "A List of Fishes collected at Port Antonio, Jamaica," by Henry W. Fowler, was presented for publication.

Rev. A. B. Kendig was elected a member.

The following were ordered to be printed: